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The Message of a Saviour dear
  Was by an angel brought;
And lowly shepherds tending sheep
  Were told what God had wrought.

An infant Child in swathing bands
  Would be where cattle lie;
And they would find that He had come
  As Gift of God most high.

Then angel hosts unfurled their wings
  Descending to the earth
And touched their golden harps with joy
  Proclaiming Jesus' birth.

Now, unto God would glory be,
  Good will and peace to men;
A sweeter song could not be heard
  Nor would be sung again.

With one accord they left their sheep
  To seek this very Lord
And there they found Him in a stall,
  Their great and rich reward.

Speak seraphs! to our souls again
  Your anthems still intone
Until all men this saving Christ
  Within their hearts enthrone.

—The Rev. Norman Willis Ross, Th.M.
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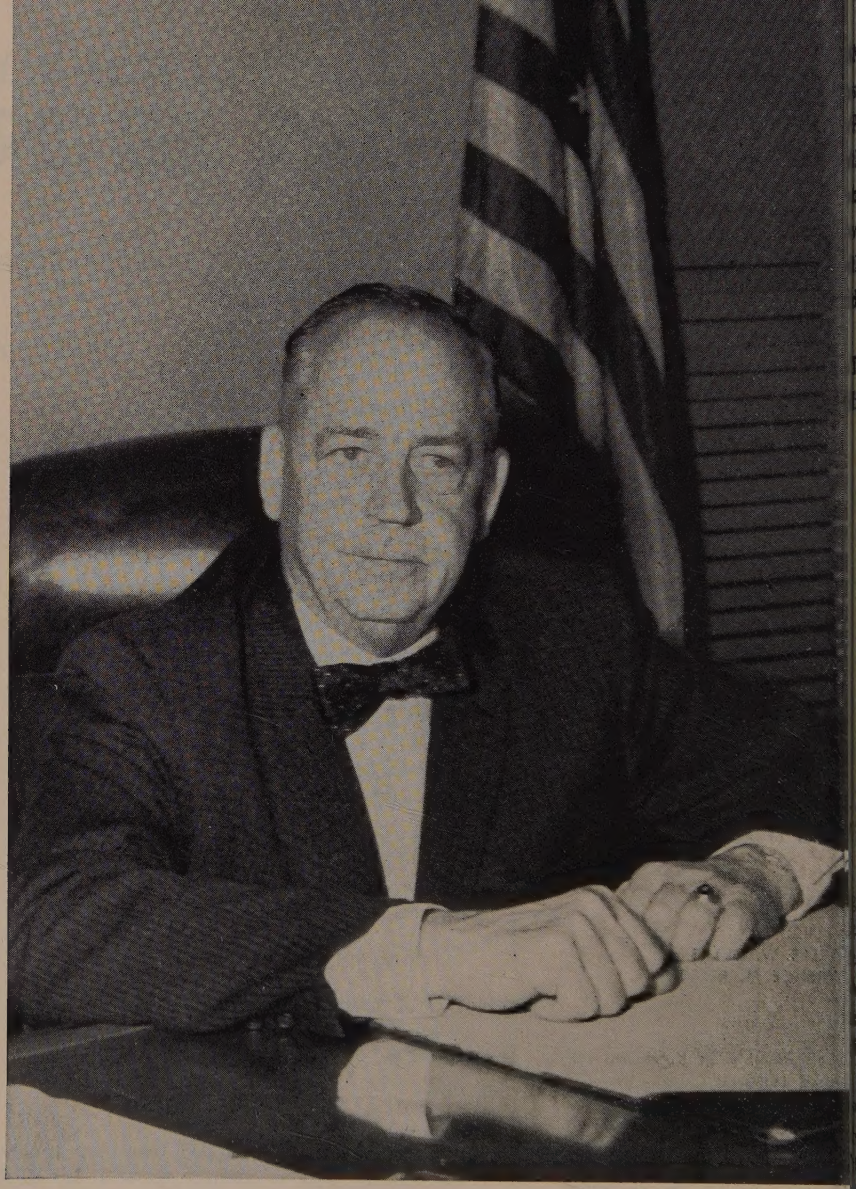

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Lawyer Extraordinary

by CHARLES DE VRIES

WALTER R. JOHNSON folded his sses, put them in a battered leather se, got up out of a big leather stuffed air and walked out of his office to ar two lawyers argue whether a cern corporation was guilty of monopoic practices.

As he entered the hearing room, ich for all practical purposes could called a court room, he was given same respect which any judge comnds at a trial.

The outcome of the case which Hear; Examiner Johnson, a Lutheran layn, will decide may cause a corporan to discontinue practices which erwise might have increased its profits holdings.

It is a technical and trying task to make a just decision after hearing a top-notch government prosecutor present his case against a corporation and listening to a highly-paid defense attorney portray the other side. But that's the job of a Hearing Examiner for the Federal Trade Commission, and it's a job Walter Johnson is enthusiastic about.

A habitual wearer of a bow tie which

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invariably becomes crumpled, the 63-year-old lawyer extraordinary has had a part in several historical milestones which we consider part of our national panorama.

These included being a pilot in the Army Signal Corps during World War I, a legislator in Nebraska during the important period when that state decided to have a unicameral legislature, elected as one of the 43 members to serve in the unicameral's first session, named five times as Nebraska's Attorney General, appointed Special Counsel of the National Association of Attorneys General representing the states in the so-called Tidelands matter before Congress, a referee for some 120 cases before the National Railroad Adjustment Board, and a member of two Presidential Emergency Boards.

All of these positions, any one of which indicates success for an individual, the man with the thinning, graying hair looks at simply as jobs which had to be done. So it is with his present position which he accepted on December 15, 1958.

Beginning at the age of ten to earn all of his own spending money and to buy all of his clothes, he learned the importance of responsibility. Early jobs included carrying newspapers, working as a messenger boy, and jerking sodas at a drug store in Omaha.

His father, a woodworker or carpenter, provided the necessities for his family, but the extras including clothes came from Walter's own initiative.

Mr. Johnson has been described in various ways by numerous individuals. However, one of the most vivid descriptions of him came at the Golden Gate International Exposition at San Francisco in 1939, which was his first year as attorney general of Nebraska.

Another couple and the John stopped along the midway to have t handwriting analyzed. After the a ney general had turned over his manship, the expert exclaimed:

"My gosh, this is Mussolini, H and the Pope all wrapped up in one

After the excitement died down examined another handwriting speci and asked Mrs. Johnson, "You his wi

Getting an affirmative reply, he sm and said, "That's all right. You handle him!"

Whatever the interpretation of handwriting expert, the girls at Federal Trade Commission want to k what the secret is of the Honor Walter R. Johnson's married life. girls claim that it's an undisputed that he's the happiest married ma the building. He agrees.

An incident which occurred during service career shows another side the now versatile lawyer.

After receiving his wings and his co mission on June 29, 1918 at San Die California, which gave him the st of a pilot in the aviation section of Army Signal Corps, he strolled do the street in his normal manner.

While walking, he received sal from enlisted men. However, nev commissioned officer Johnson did return the gesture. Instead he looked the right and to the left and beh trying to figure out who they w saluting—completely oblivious to fact that shiny bars were sparkling his shoulders.

Not many men turn down the Pr dent of the United States when he a them to do something; however, t too, is part of the background of stau Republican Johnson.

Be Swift to hear!

Slow to speak!

Slow to act!

ndwritten in red on white paper is this
aphrase of James 1:19. The small 3 x 5
h paper is taped to a glass on one of
Honorable Walter R. Johnson's book-
lves.

On December 18, 1958 the Omaha
orld-Herald reported that Walter R.
nson, former Nebraska Attorney
neral, was turning down a Presidential
pointment in order to accept a civil
vice post in the Government. The
ry said that President Eisenhower
ently had named Mr. Johnson to
mbership on the United States Board
Parole.

However, at about the same time he
s selected for the FTC post which
decided to accept.

'The position with the Federal Trade
mmission offers more legal work and
m, after all, a lawyer," Mr. Johnson
s quoted as saying. "In this post I
ction almost as a trial judge with
newhat the same jurisdiction as Fed-
l judge. While it may not be as
morous as the Parole Board, it offers
ny advantages from the standpoint of
rk."

The desire to enter law was stimu-
d when young Walt served as a page
the Nebraska Legislature. His experi-
e here aroused his interest in legis-
on which influenced him to study law.

Upon returning from military service
entered the University of Nebraska
l secured a job as proofreader of the
ate.

Admitted to the State Bar in 1922 and to the U. S. Supreme Court Bar in 1940, attorney Johnson practiced law only two years before he was elected to his first term in Nebraska's legislature. From there a busy legislative life began.

However, his active legal life did not keep Judge Johnson from being a good churchman.

Mr. Johnson is a member of Advent Lutheran church in Arlington, Virginia, a congregation of the United Lutheran Church in America. He was forced to resign from the church council there when frequent out-of-town hearings required him to spend a good deal of time in other cities across the nation. However, he continues to serve Advent as a trustee.

A church with a special place in the lawyer's heart is Kountze Memorial Lutheran, also a ULCA congregation, in Omaha. Here the Johnsons were married and their four children were baptized.

Mrs. Johnson, the former Mary Burt of Omaha, is more than active in church work, too. She is office manager of the National Lutheran Council's Bureau of Service to Military Personnel in Washington.

President Eisenhower's opinion of Walter R. Johnson as an outstanding lawyer was echoed during the closing session of the 86th Congress. Testifying on August 26, 1960, the Honorable Earl W. Kintner, chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, told a Congressional Committee that Mr. Johnson "is doing a splendid job as a Hearing Examiner. He came to us relatively cold in our field of work and I think he is one of the most outstanding examiners we have ever had at the Federal Trade Commission."

WATERLOO

by **MARTIN L. DOLBEER, JR.**

ULCA college provides Lutheran higher education in Canada

A NEW ERA in Lutheran higher education in Canada began on July 1, 1960, when Waterloo Lutheran University came into being. Its undergraduate school, Waterloo University College, and its graduate school, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, are operated under a board of governors chosen by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada and the Nova Scotia Synod. Although primarily serving Eastern Canada, some students come from the Western Provinces, the United States, the Caribbean and overseas.

Nearly 50 years ago the Synod of Canada established a theological seminary in Waterloo. Later a preparatory school was added and in 1924 Waterloo College of Arts was begun. Following the Canadian tradition they were affiliated with a provincial university, the University of Western Ontario, degrees were granted through the versity. This relationship was a valu one for it required the young colleg maintain the high standards of university.

That its progress was satisfactor indicated by the fact that in 1930 college was permitted to offer cou leading to the Honors B.A. degree. degree, unfamiliar to most person the United States, requires an additio year of advanced study along wit concentrated program in depth du the previous years in college. Ho graduates are in great demand in b ness and the teaching profession, and accepted for postgraduate work in versities throughout the United St England and Canada. This year 28 cent of the students are taking ho programs.

There is another basic difference the education system in Canada. M young people who plan to enter coll

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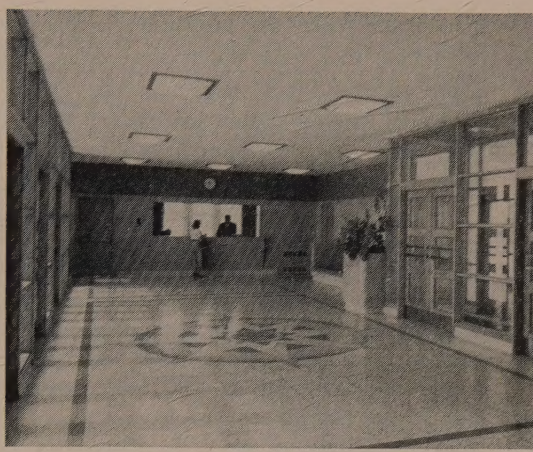

terloo campus—like many across the land—has buildings of architecture represent- the periods in which they were constructed. At left, the ivy-covered old main ilding; At right, lobby of the postwar arts and science building.

e an additional year, called Grade in their high schools (usually called legiate institutes). With three more rs at university they may earn the neral arts B.A. or, as already noted, four years they may earn an Honors A. To accommodate those who have completed grade 13, the college runs preliminary year program. And for ture persons who may not even have npleted all high school courses, there a special adult program.

A number of these "special adults" ve entered the ministry and teaching fessions. Two members of the Water- faculty have come from this group. few years ago Robert Hett quit his in a tire factory and enrolled as a cial adult student. Last spring he was arded a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship superior work in history, and is now ending Cornell University graduate ool.

Back in 1954, upon the recommenda- of the president of the University of Western Ontario, the ground work was laid for establishing a full-fledged university in the Kitchener-Waterloo area. A bill passed by the Provincial Legislature in 1959 incorporated the new institution with the right to grant degrees, to establish a university senate, and to appoint a chancellor. With the passage of this bill, it was determined that Waterloo would terminate its affiliation with Western Ontario on June 30, 1960.

Thus Waterloo Lutheran University takes its place as one of the few church-related colleges and universities with degree granting powers in Canada. Although in Ontario *provincial* support is not given to church-related institutions, Waterloo is in a favorable position compared with its sister institutions in the U.S., for it receives more than one-third of its support for current expenditures from *federal* government grants.

Moreover, $280,000 in capital grants

is available when the institution is able to match the sum dollar for dollar. These federal funds, together with the Christian Higher Education Year Appeal, have enabled the institution to make great progress in recent years.

In 1954 the college was able to move out of the seminary building into its own arts building. Designed to accommodate 350 students, its walls are bulging this year with an enrollment of 580 full-time students. Classrooms are in continuous use from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and many evenings. Adult extension work for university credit is offered on Saturdays on the campus and in several surrounding communities. This program is especially popular with teachers.

The seminary is becoming a center for the theological preparation of overseas Lutherans, especially from the Lutheran Church in British Guiana. Roland Payne of the Lutheran Church in Liberia entered the seminary this fall. To provide for some of these students and their wives, the ULCA Board of Foreign Missions this year leased and renovated a building opposite the campus. The resulting three-apartment Mission House is the first such facility provided by the Board.

Last summer the college held the first successful Summer School in the area. This fall courses are being expanded in business administration, secretarial science, geography and Russian history to provide full honors programs in these fields. Week-long field trips are becoming annual events for those majoring in geography. Waterloo has one of the finest Canadian Officers' Training Corps detachments. Peter Gendron, a 1960 graduate, this year won the McManus Memorial Trophy as the best

In the tradition of Lutheran colleges eve where, Waterloo's a cappella choir hearses for a concert.

cadet officer in Canada in the seco phase of Infantry Training.

The institution, through its schol ship program and low tuition and fe is attracting many able students. It loo forward to the day when U.S. stude will take advantage of Waterloo's p gram, either for their whole training for an exchange year. Waterloo's f ulty is of the highest quality, made p sible partly by salaries equal to a Lutheran college in the U.S.

The present faculty of 34 full-ti professors and six part-time lecturers expected to be augmented substantia next year both to lighten the teach load and to care for the anticipated creasing enrollment. Estimates are t university students in Ontario will crease fourfold by 1975. So there be no shortage of scholars if Water

n provide the facilities and faculty.

Waterloo's establishment as an in-pendent university has made it doubly nscious of the Christian witness it must ake in the field of Canadian higher ucation. It "aims to educate men and omen among Christian influences hich tend to develop individual talents d initiative, high ideals, a sense of sponsibility, spiritual values, and de-tion to worthy service."

Dr. Herbert M. Axford, new president the university college and adminis-ator of the university, is eager to rther develop the religious atmos-ere of the campus through the choice dedicated Christian faculty, greater e and improvement of the voluntary apel programs, strengthening of the ligious societies and the expansion of urses in religion.

Dr. Lloyd H. Schaus, ULCA clergy-an and dean of the college since 1947, devoted to the premise that a Chris-n college, by maintaining the highest ademic standards, provides the best tting for preparing young people to come leaders in all areas of service this modern world. Last year Dean haus was signally honored by appoint-ment to the Deans' Committee of the Minister of Education of the Province of Ontario, upon nomination by administrators of other Ontario universities. Evidence of its reputation as a Christian institution is the large number of pre-theological students from denominations other than Lutheran.

Through the years the support of the Canada Synod, which has pledged $100,000 this year, and the Board of Higher Education of the ULCA have greatly blessed the institution. A Women's Auxiliary has provided much equipment, scholarships, post-graduate assistance, and many hours of service to the college and seminary.

Located in the Grand River Valley in a bit of Pennsylvania Dutchland transplanted to Canadian soil, near the renowned Stratford Shakespearean Festival and a short drive from Buffalo or Detroit, the institution is near enough for many Lutherans from the U.S. to visit. "You are welcome at any time," say the students, faculty and administration. "Come, tour our campus, meet the students and faculty, join us for coffee in the Torque Room. The Maple Leaf Welcome Mat is out!"

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Is Mary the "Mother of God"?

by MARTIN J. HEINECKEN

A Lutheran theologian examines some sharp contras between Protestant and Roman Catholic teachin

IF LUTHERANS, in our day, are not quite certain whether or not Mary, the mother of Jesus, may rightfully be called "Mother of God," this is perhaps excusable on the grounds of the ambiguity of the designation. In fact, so ambiguous is this title that it at one time involved theologians in a furious debate in the midst of which (c. A.D. 430) Nestorius, the bishop of Constantinople, was deposed as a heretic. Since that time, Nestorianism has been regarded by both Roman Catholics and orthodox Protestants as heretical. Nestorius himself, however, has come to be regarded by scholars of repute as having been misjudged and unjustly condemned (see J. F. Bethune-Baker, *Nestorius and His Teaching*, Cambridge University Press, 1908; Friedrich Loofs, *Nestorius and His Place in the History of Christian Doctrine*, Cambridge University Press, 1914).

The designation "Mother of God," objecting to which Nestorius was c demned, thus has a dubious history. day, when the declaration of the dog of the bodily assumption of the "Vir Mother" raises her to new heights exaltation, it is extremely important evangelical Christians, who do not sh this veneration of the Virgin, to kn where they stand with respect to it.

It should be noted, first of all, that original expression in Greek (*theotok* which is translated "Mother of God" more accurately translated "bearer God." As such this designation gai early vogue solely as a safeguard of true divinity of Jesus and had nothing do with any undue exaltation of the V gin. This must be carefully noted.

In the fourth century the Nicene Co cil (A.D. 325) had decided upon th majestic phrases we still recite to which designate our Lord Jesus Christ "God of God, Light of Light, Very G of very God." He who had come do to men for our redemption was not s lesser being, some messenger merely. was not only of "like," or "similar,"

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THE NATIVITY

Woodcut by Boyd Hanna

the "same" substance with the Father. reinforce this fact so vital for man's emption Mary had already before s time been called the "bearer of d." It was not just a man she had rn into the world, who afterwards was n declared to be divine, but he who ued forth from her womb was "true d." Thus the designation, in this his- ical context, was a vital safeguard of divinity of the Lord. If this were whole story nothing further would d to be said. All of us who believe the true divinity of our Lord could y rejoice in this additional check on the mystery of the Incarnation, of the Word become flesh and laid beneath a human mother's heart in common with all the sons of men.

But the story does not end there and we are now living in the twentieth century and not the fifth. After the Council of Nicaea had unequivocally asserted the full divinity of the second person of the Trinity, the question of just how this true God was united with a genuine man in the historical figure of Jesus became a matter of the most anxious scrutiny. Anyone who has a mind for fine dialectic and exacting distinctions will not find better grist for his mill than these so-called Christological controversies. Every possible alternative was explored and defined and redefined until finally a formula evolved which was declared orthodox and which asserted a 100 per cent divine nature and a 100 per cent human nature "indivisibly and inseparably" but at the same time "unconfusedly and unchangeably" united in the one person of Christ (Council of Chalcedon, A.D. 451). What was important was thus safeguarded. There were not two persons in Christ; he was no schizophrenic and yet men encountered in him both true man and true God. But it took some birth pangs to bring this prodigy to birth and Nestorius contributed his share.

Nestorius' interest was most certainly a legitimate one. He was a popular and forceful speaker and apparently had an ear for what the populace could make of a slogan. He therefore objected to the expression "bearer of God" because he saw it as part of a view which seriously threatened the genuine humanity of Jesus. By radically oversimplifying a very complicated matter we may say that the one school of theology of the time (the Alexandrine) tended to overemphasize the divinity of Jesus at the expense of his

genuine humanity, while the other (the Antiochene) did just the reverse. It was to this latter school that Nestorious belonged while trying manfully to avoid its pitfalls.

His concern was, on the one hand, that Jesus should be regarded as truly and genuinely a man like all the rest of us, with a normal growth and development. His humanity was not to be made into a mere cloak hiding the divinity, with the Godhead for the most part merely pretending. Nor, on the other hand, was the eternal Word of God somehow to be made into a *creature* standing on this side of that most decisive of all dividing lines—the line between creator and creature.

It is quite possible that when Nestorius began to spell these things out in the terms of his day he leaned too far in the direction of a plausible explanation of this profoundest of mysteries. It may well be that Nestorius' thought, consistently followed, would lead to a dissolution of the mystery which the Chalcedonian formula effectively preserves. Nevertheless, the reasons for Nestorius' protest must be respected and may justly find an echo today. When he objected to the term "bearer of God" he meant to protest the notion that the Godhead itself could owe his being to a human mother. This would indeed be exalting the human mother above measure. So Nestorius wrote, "I have repeatedly declared that if anyone of you or anyone else be simple and has a preference for the term *theotokos,* then I have nothing to say against it—only do not make a Goddess of the virgin." (Loofs, pp. 31-32.)

Subsequent developments have certainly substantiated Nestorius' fears. The Reformers of the sixteenth century, while they approved the designation insofar it was intended to safeguard the t divinity of the Lord (as did Lut and the Lutheran confessional writin nevertheless completely dropped the t from the services of the church. This true also of the public services of Church of England (see Bethune-Bak pp. 66-67). The Reformers were c cerned that neither the Mother of Lord nor any of the saints should repl or in any way supplement the work the "One and Only Mediator"—and t accounts for the general Protestant familiarity with the term. Today, the fore, the term can by no stretch of imagination be in itself regarded as safeguard of our Lord's divinity. It much more likely to draw attention the Virgin and to exalt her. It fits too into a Roman Catholic context, but no longer fits into an evangelical o It is, in a sense, an historical anach nism.

This, in view of present-day devel ments, ought to give us great conce The direction which Roman Cath theology is taking is now quite cle Roman Catholic literature abounds w references to the blessed Mother as " redeemer" and "Co-Mediator." Al with the risen and ascended Christ v reigns as Lord and King, she reigns Lady and Queen. Her part in ma salvation is essential.

Just a few choice phrases: "The operation of the Mother with the deemer who was her Son differs not o in degree, but also in kind, from that any other saint. For her consent alone waited when he sent Gabriel to her p ence." (Article on "Mary, Mother God," by the Rev. O. R. Vassall-Phill in *The Teaching of the Catholic Chu* ed. by Canon Geo. D. Smith, N.

(acmillan, 1953, Vol. I, pp. 529-30). Eve sinned before Adam, Mary was orn before Christ. Mary gave Christ to s to redeem us from our sins" (p. 530). The Fathers . . . teach us how the Mother of God undid the work of Eve" p. 531). "Mary is the cause of our lvation, even as Eve was the cause of ur ruin" (Id.). "Our hearts tell us that e owe all to Mary who gave us Jesus hrist, nor do our hearts deceive us" (p. 32). "The body of the Virgin Most oly from which the Holy Spirit had rmed the body of Christ should not be ermitted to see corruption. Behold the ueen in her beauty by the side of her on . . . in a vesture of gold wrought out with diverse colors. She is the dest daughter of the Father, and the loved Mother of the Son, and the hosen Spouse of the Everlasting Spirit" b. 548).

This shows clearly the significance f the expression "Mother of God" today a Roman Catholic context. The very ct that the heading of the chapter deoted to her is entitled "Mary, Mother f God" tells the story. For Lutherans, herefore, to revive the expression just a time like this cannot fail to be disrbing and certainly is not conducive to e peace of the church.

Mary stands with us on this side of e great dividing line. She, too, was reeemed by the blood of the Lamb and e waits *with us* in the deep humility we ay well learn from her for that great ay when every knee will bow and every ngue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord the glory of the Father. In that day er knee too will bow and her tongue nfess that she owes all to the Son she as privileged to bear. So she is *theokos*—the bearer of God—and in no her sense is she the "Mother of God."

FATHER AND SON call the Air Force home. Second Lieutenant Jerome E. Helland, a recently-commissioned jet pilot now receiving advanced training in F-100s at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona, here has a brief reunion alongside a T-33 jet trainer with his father, Chaplain (Major) Olaf C. Helland, a Lutheran Free Church pastor. Dad is currently attached to a support squadron on Oslo, Norway.

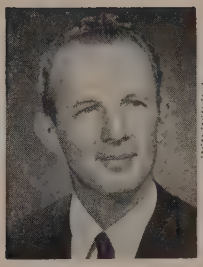
Book Review

TURNING WORLD by Betty Thompson. Friendship Press: New York. 128 pages. $2.95

This book is a kaleidoscopic, rapidly moving series of pictures of Christian men and women throughout the world. They are fleeting personalities for the camera never pauses long enough to get its proper focus and there are no sharply cut features.

With it all, the author presents an apologetic for worldwide Christian missions. For this message, illustrated by these countless personalities, the layman ought to indicate considerable interest. This little book may help to awaken that interest.

—Benjamin Lotz, Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pa.



MAN TO MAN

by **LAWRENCE M. REESE**

Learning Through Adventure

EVERY FATHER who buys his youngster a 2-wheel bicycle has a double joy: the joy of giving, and the thrill of watching Junior master his bike. How quickly the skill of riding a bike is learned. Sometimes it takes only a few weeks for Junior to go from the wobbly "training-wheel stage" to "Look, Mom, no hands!" For Junior and for Dad learning has been an adventure.

When Junior gets older he continues to learn through adventure. His love for playing on the football team helps him learn many complex plays and formations and teaches him the meaning of teamwork. Later, as Junior prepares for his life work, his learning may be adventure because he sees himself flying a jet plane, teaching a public school class or assisting a city editor of a local newspaper who meets daily deadlines. In these experiences, learning is propelled and made more effective because Junior is adventuring—first as the image of his future lives in his mind; later as he realizes his ambition and personal goals.

Adventure Limited to Youth?

Learning through adventure is not limited to youth. We adults are surrounded by situations which promise adventure and learning. The auto m chanic, for example, is introduced to new and different motor, one which must master and then service. T mechanic and the motor soon becon well acquainted. Members of the adu choir are challenged by an anthem whi thrills them. The anthem becomes a d lightful adventure in music. Mix adve ture with music and choir membe throw themselves into rehearsal a learn rapidly.

The law of learning through adve ture works in reverse, too. Modern ma ought to know more about histor geography or economics. Yet if there no adventure of the mind in these area the amount of learning is stifled. F example, we develop a keen interest the area around Jackson, Mississip when our company announces that may be sent there. Prior to the co pany's action, such study might ha been drudgery. To cite another examp we obviously haven't found enough a venture in the Bible and biblical liter ture. If we had, we'd be much bett educated in these areas.

Why Not Adventure?

Perhaps our basic reason for not a

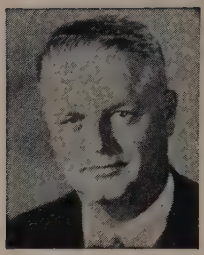
nturing into new paths is that we ults develop familiar mental routines d feel more comfortable if we remain se to our cerebral easy chair and fire-le. Adventures in learning might ange old habits, habits which offer us curity and familiarity. But look at the ice we pay for staying in a rut! The rld becomes more interesting yet 're not interested in its new develop-nts. New experiences are on our door-p but we prefer the old. We all share a degree the feelings of those who id of the auto and plane: "They'll ver be practical."

Instead of decrying the rapid changes our culture, we might accentuate the sitive and welcome the new. We move ore frequently so we see more country d make more friends. Thrilling new discoveries tempt us to investigate the world of science, social action or our Christian faith. God is actually pushing back our horizons as we adventure in new experiences. We adventure into the depths of the Bible's theology and wonder why we didn't do so before. We integrate congregations and group meetings and really learn something about the race question. We try giving ourselves away as Christ did whenever there is need, and as a result we learn more about the joys of giving than we ever thought possible.

Man to man, why not adventure into new learning experiences? There may never be an elixir to keep us eternally young, but we'll never grow old if we continue to learn through adventure and to adventure through learning.

ARTIN LUTHER with his family and co-Reformer Phillip Melanchthon are shown in s old print celebrating Christmas Eve at Wittenberg in 1536. Luther is credited with roducing the custom of lighted candles on the Christmas tree.

VIEWS from Headquarters



by J. H. OETGEN

"When my wife was sick in the hospital the men of the ULCM came over and plowed my field and fed my stock. They did everything for me while she was sick." This was the personal testimony of a farmer at a recent convention. Perhaps this has been repeated over and over many times which we never know about, but it is the expression of Christian love that we should show to our fellow man.

Today there are many organizations formed for helping the needy. Prominent among these is the Community Chest, in which people of all faiths unite to assist the needy. However, there is a vital distinction between the social service of this organization and that of the church. In the former, care is rendered to relieve the want or distress with some educational suggestions for better living. The church does that also, and much more. It urges the acceptance of Christ as Saviour. It leads the individuals to follow Christ and to enter a renewed life with him.

New buildings and additions to present church plants must not keep us from an effective program of Christian service in our own congregation. At Christmas time we are filled with joy and a desire to help the needy. We want eve one to have a good dinner and are rea to give so that this may be so. T love of Christ should lead us not o to be willing to serve at this season, b all the year. United Lutheran Chur Men groups should undertake Christi service projects as a part of their p gram for the year. Church institutions mercy or state institutions in your syn would welcome your support.

The ULCM of your congregati should approach the pastor and t church council urging them to underta a Christian service project in the co gregation. We must keep in mind th we can render Christian service witho the necessity of establishing an insti tion. Pastors could tell us of many o portunities for individual Christian se ice in our congregation and communi Much helpful information can secured by reading "Goal and Guides Christian Service in the Congregatio which your pastor probably has. If n it can be secured from the Board Social Missions, 231 Madison Aven New York 16, New York. At your D cember meeting, why not begin to velop plans for a Christian service proj in 1961?

ULCM President Aubrey Mauney reports to the October ULCA convention from the rostrum in Atlantic City's Convention Hall. Members of the Executive Committee seated directly behind him are: J. H. Oetgen, executive secretary; Eugene Kelchner, second vice president; Richard Snell, secretary; Dr. Hans Treuenfels, treasurer.

p: Dr. A. E. Iverson, director of Protes-
nt Relationships of the BSA, presents
CA President Franklin Clark Fry with
Honorary Gold Lamb Award for his
vice to the boy scouting program.

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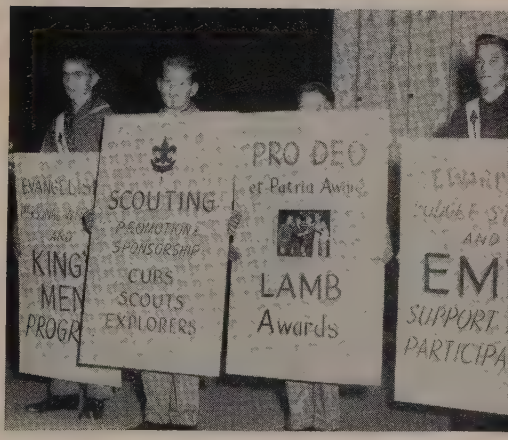

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h a series of large posters carried on
ge by New Jersey Boy Scouts Jim Leeds
Pleasantville, Dick Albright of Linwood,
arles Rinck III of Somers Point, George
lkinson, Roger Young and Bill Carlsen,
of Atlantic City.

NEWS of Men and their Activities

ULCM of *Allegheny Conference, Central Pennsylvania Synod,* held its recent convention at St. John's, Clearfield, with a timely and inspiring message delivered by Dr. Arthur H. Reede, professor of economics at Penn State University. Dr. Reede spoke on "Golden Rule in Business." New officers elected were: Frank L. Summers, Zion, Hollidaysburg, *president;* Robert Launtz, Matthew, Marklesburg, *vice preside* Calvin E. Folk, St. James, Altoo *secretary;* William C. Lape, St. John Clearfield, *treasurer.*

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Protestant Radio and Televisi Center of Atlanta, Ga. announces formation of "The Churchmen's corded Library," a new service featuri outstanding Protestant clergymen wh messages will be available on tape reference material for sermon mate and as an aid for study groups. Cata may be secured by writing to PRTC 1727 Clifton Road N.E., Atlanta 6.

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Pastor William Downey of Fox Po Church, Milwaukee gave the keynote dress at the 7th annual convention *Wisconsin ULCM* on September Held at St. Peter's, Janesville, the me ing was combined with a seminar attended by 119 men from 24 congre tions. Theme was "How Do We Se Him? We Follow."

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The October ULCA convention Atlantic City, N. J. reelected Dr. Elson Ruff *editor of The Lutheran*

IOWA ULCM held its 19th annual convention on October 9 at Trinity, Webster City, Pastor Paul Clement. Newly elected officers are President Al Heinz of Mason City, Vice President David Aldridge of Newton, Treasurer David Johnson of Des Moines, Secretary Floyd Cooper of Newton. National representative was Pastor Lester M. Utz of Reformation, Wichita, Kans. Pastor Ralph L. Ritzen, admissions counselor of Midland College, served as chaplain.

NUAL RALLY of Associated Lutheran
n of Williamsport (Pa.) and Vicinity
s held at St. Mark's on October 27 and
ended by nearly 300. At the speaker's
le were: The Rev. Frederick G. Hass-
l, pastor of St. Mark's; Dr. Gustave W.
ber, president of Susquehanna Univer-
, Selinsgrove, who delivered the main
dress entitled "God's True Gentlemen";
d Smith of St. Mark's, who is president
he group; Warren Artley of Redeemer,
e president.

ST VIRGINIA ULCM convention at
kson's Mill September 24-25 featured a
Conference on Christian Social Re-
nsibility led by Pastor Rufus Cornelsen,
CA director of social action. J. Russell
ley was official representative. New
cers, above, are: Carton Bowser, Oak-
d, Md., president; Jack Bero, Wheeling,
mitteeman; D. W. Sullenberger, Hunt-
on, committeeman; Fred Hegmann,
eeling, secretary; Ralph Porter,
rleston, vice president; H. D. Swartz-
uber, Oakland, committeeman.

another two-year term. He has been editor since 1945.

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Holy Trinity, Lafayette was the scene of the *Indiana Synod ULCM* convention October 8-9. Conventioneers heard from ULCM executive secretary Jack Oetgen; Leo Schwerin, Ohio Synod director of stewardship and congregational life; Indiana Synod President Walter M. Wick; Ohio Synod President Herbert W. Veler; and Dr. Henry C. Stolldorf, pastor of Holy Trinity. Reelected officers are: Paul Slavens, Lafayette, *president;* Paul Dennis, Fort Wayne, *vice president;* Milton Root, Indianapolis, *secretary;* Thurland Albert, Middlebury, *treasurer;* Fred Anderson, South Bend, *director of publicity and public relations.* Coy Replogle of Columbus was elected to the *Executive Board.*

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Two widely-known leaders of the ULCA passed away in mid-November: *Dr. John L. Deaton,* pastor of Christ Church, Baltimore, Md. and president of

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NEW SECRETARY of the ULCA is Dr. George F. Harkins, who has been assistant to the president since 1949. He was elected on the first ballot at Atlantic City to succeed Dr. F. Eppling Reinartz who becomes president of Southern Seminary next year. A graduate of Gettysburg College and Gettysburg Seminary, Dr. Harkins served a nine-year pastorate at Zion, Harrisburg, Pa., before his election as President Fry's assistant.

NEW OFFICERS line up at joint Lay Retreat-ULCM Convention of Ohio Synod in late September: Retiring President Kenneth E. Helwagen of St. Mark's, Fairborn; Glenn A. Neal, Holy Trinity, Mansfield, treasurer; Henry A. Klein, First English, Toledo, president; Eugene Ruehle, Trinity, Findlay, vice president; Joe Weygandt, First English, Toledo, secretary; Tom Winemiller, Trinity, Ashland, member-at-large.

BRISK DEMAND for this new identifi tion tag for Lutheran servicemen is rep ed by the NLC Bureau of Service to M tary Personnel. A Celtic cross with Lut seal superimposed on the front and "Lu eran" in raised letters on the back, rhodium-finished tag measures sev eighths of an inch wide and one and c fourth inches long. It is available to p tors through the Bureau.

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the Board of Deaconess Work, was a regular Sunday morning radio broadcaster for 24 years.

John A. Bozman Sr. of New Brighton, Pa. was field director for enlistment activities of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement for Stewardship since 1955.

The whole church will miss the dedicated service of these servants of the Lord.

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First convention of the *Trappe District ULCM, Ministerium of Pennsylvania,* was held September 28 at Grace Church, Pottstown, with the theme "Go And Bear Fruit." Pastor Carl E. Koppenhaver of the ULCA Board of Publication staff was keynoter. Officers elected were: William C. Miller, St. John's, South Pottstown, *president;* Charles H. Merroth, St. Matthew's, Chester Spri *vice president;* Frank Mann Sr., E manuel, Pottstown, *secretary;* Har D. Eschbach, Grace, Pottstown, *tr urer;* Pastor Harold Hasenauer, St. M thew's, Chester Springs, *spiritual advi*

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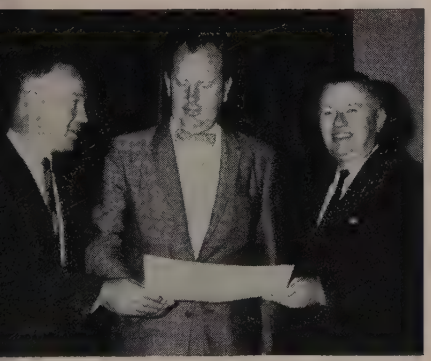
The ULCA ranked 30th in *per ca giving* for all purposes in 1959, acc ing to statistics on 46 church bo released by the National Council Churches. Our figure is $68.29. Hig ranked Lutherans were the Miss Synod with $93.89. Interestingly, *if merger had already taken place* Augustana, Suomi, and AELC, we (LCA) would have ranked 28th wit per capita of $69.43. This bec Augustana does considerably better t

'. JOHN'S. Lewistown was the scene Oc-ber 22 of the Central Pennsylvania nod ULCM convention. Greetings were ought by Synod President Dwight F. tman and Pastor Samuel E. Wicker of e host church. Jack Oetgen was ULCM presentative and the main address was livered by Onni Kangas, synod's busi-ss manager. Officers in photo are, front: Howard Luttenberger, Lancaster, treas-er; Oscar L. Lingle, Harrisburg, presi-nt; Clarence A. Myers, York, secretary. ar: Gilbert H. Evans, Mechanicsburg, mber-at-large; W. Ray Clawser, Camp-lltown, vice president; Dr. Putman, the talling officer.



CM CHARTER presentation at St. Paul's, neck, N. J. was made recently with se leaders present: St. Paul's Pastor orge W. DeLawter; William Blohm, New sey ULCM president; Gustav Lindstrom, gregational unit president.

ILLINOIS Synod ULCM held its convention September 24 at St. John's, Sterling. New officers installed were, seated: Marvin B. Hildbold, Chicago, senior vice president; Clifford C. Cavanagh, Chicago, president; Jasper Berhenke, Lena, treasurer. Standing: Lloyd Schott, Sterling, recording secretary; David B. Orchard, Bluffs, corresponding secretary; Neal S. Johnson, membership secretary; Eugene Guildermaster, Washington, financial secretary; Luther Arnesen, revolving loan fund trustee. Dr. Armin G. Weng, president of Chicago Seminary, was the banquet speaker and special greetings were extended the convention by Eugene Kelchner, ULCM second vice president, and Sterling's Mayor Dan Metzger.

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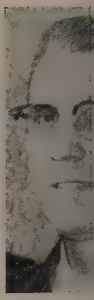
we do—their figure was $76.97. Suomi bettered the ULCA, too, with $68.61. AELC came in at $63.83. United Lutherans ought to consider this as they plan their giving over these two years until the merger—it would be fine indeed if we could enter the union with as good a record as our new brethren.

Informed Lutheran men read
LUTHERAN MEN

Has your ULCM subscribed for all the men of your congregation?

ULCA Lamb Awards 1960



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Lewis C. Brandt

St. John's, Baltimore, Md.
Pastor Paul H. Smith

Mr. Brandt, who is called "Tiny" by nearly all who know him, has given much of his time to his church and to scouting. For over 15 years he was scoutmaster and troop committeeman. Then he received a call to organize a scout troop at the Maryland School for the Blind, and through his patience and leadership he has developed an outstanding and enthusiastic troop of boy scouts who can do practically anything even though they are blind. Mr. Brandt is on his church council, is president of his Brotherhood, chairman of the Christian education committee, and chairman of the literature committee. He is also a Sunday school teacher and was general superintendent for a number of years.

Earl E. Comp

Bethany, Braddock, Pa.
Pastor Arthur B. Ackerman

Mr. Comp served as District training chairman and through this extended his talents to other leaders. Having completed his own training programs he was given the Council Training Award. Later through advanced training at the National Training School, Mendham, N. J. and his performance in the Council, he earned the Wood Badge award. He has served as a member of the camp staff and has helped to organize scout units in other institutions. For his outstanding service to boyhood in t District he was awarded the District Sco er's award at a Council Annual meeti Mr. Comp has also been presented Scouter's Award and the Vigil Honor in t Order of the Arrow. He is a member his church council and chairman of property committee, is a Sunday sch teacher and a member of the execut committee of his United Lutheran Chu Men.

Arthur D. Heilman

Friedens, Myerstown, Pa.
Dr. Eldred K. Stauffer, pastor

Mr. Heilman's record in scouting has be noteworthy. He has been a boy scout, assi ant scoutmaster, field commissioner, distr commissioner troop committee member a pack committee member, and at present scoutmaster of Troop 20, Myerstown. has been a scoutmaster for almost 13 yea He has taken part, either as a student or an instructor, in at least 42 training cours and has been a leader in the first, seco third and fourth National Jamborees h in Washington, D. C., California, and Val Forge. He received the Silver Beaver awa in 1952 and three years ago the 30-y veteran recognition. Mr. Heilman is a vice president of Friedens congregati superintendent of the young people's di sion of the Sunday school, past presid of Friedens Lutheran Men and of County Brotherhood. He also serves as adviser for the Luther League.

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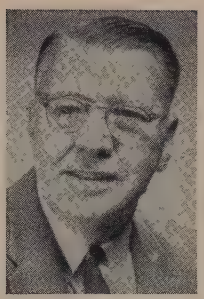

Rencken

John Heinrich

Children's Memorial, Kansas City, Mo.
Pastor Calvin J. Naugle

Mr. Heinrich joined his local boy scout op in 1910 and served as an adult leader one capacity or another since 1937. In 12 he was confirmed and since then has n active in the church by serving on ious committees and on the church coun- He was a member of the choir and a able teacher of young boys in the Sun- y school, and at one time was its secre- y. Mr. Heinrich has served as troop airman, camporee chairman, District airman, Institutional Representative, Dis- ct training chairman, Health and Safety airman of the District, District vice chair- n and board member. On February 7, 50 he was awarded the Silver Beaver.

Boris Leontieff

St. Peter's, Springfield Gardens, N. Y.
Pastor Lars H. Lillestolen

Mr. Leontieff has shown his devotion to uting and the training of scout leaders ough his participation in Scoutmaster ining Courses, Junior Leader's Courses, the Owl's Training Group. He has re- ved such awards as the Scoutmaster's Key Arrowhead award, and is a member of Order of the Arrow. He has been active his parish as a member of the church ncil until recently, a member of the con- gational committee on young people and cation, and a teacher in the Sunday ool.

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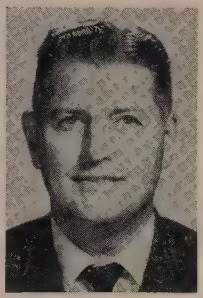

Spiro

William M. Rencken

St. Johns, Jersey City, N. J.
Pastor Arthur W. Hergenhan

Mr. Rencken has been active in the Hudson Council for over ten years and has served as a troop committee member, scoutmaster, District commissioner, chairman of organization and extension for one of the Districts, and is presently a District chairman. He is just as active in his local congregation and is currently Institutional Representative. Many new units have been organized and others reorganized through his persistent efforts. He works hard and diligently with "his" boys, giving unsparingly of his time and energy. He also works with the scout leaders through his Training Courses and Roundtables. Mr. Rencken is a recipient of the Silver Beaver award.

Carl J. Seifling

Christ, Camden, N. J.
Pastor Robert G. Petersen

Mr. Seifling has been active in scouting for more than 30 years as assistant scoutmaster, scoutmaster, Institutional Representative, Explorer adviser, troop committeeman, Sea Explorer leader and leader of the only Rover troop that ever existed in the Camden County Council. He has also served as an instructor in training courses and a member of the District and Council training committee. Mr. Seifling is a holder of the Scouter's Key. He has served as a Sunday school teacher and superintendent, was a choir member and leader, and vice president of the church council. He also was chairman of the worship committee and of the new chapel committee, and was president of his congregation's men's group. Mr. Seifling serves as Captain in the Police Reserves, is a member of the Emergency Mobilization program, and is associated with his community's youth center. He is a recipient of the Silver Beaver award.

Carlton L. Shively

St. John's, Orlando, Fla.
Dr. William C. Schaeffer
Pastor Luther D. Kistler

In his 23 years of service in scouting in Toledo, Ohio and Orlando, Florida, Mr. Shively has held the posts of Troop committeeman, scoutmaster at Bethany Lutheran Church, Toledo, chairman of organiza and extension in Central Florida, assis district commissioner, and neighborh commissioner for the local council. Shively's present responsibilities in Orla include those of district organization ex sion chairman, Institutional Representa to the church, and lodge adviser to Order of the Arrow. He is active in evangelism program at St. John's, and instrumental recently in the reconstruct of the church Youth Center. Mr. Shiv received the Silver Beaver award in 19

Robert R. Spiro

Christ the Shepherd, Altadena, Cali
Pastor Kenneth E. Hartzheim

Mr. Spiro is a "volunteer" worker in b scouting and his church. If he sees so thing that needs to be done, he does it w out title or credit until all the loose e are tied up. He was the scout commissio for a number of years, the District c missioner, the Roundtable commissio and Neighborhood commissioner. For outstanding ability in service to boyhood a district basis the San Gabriel Va Council gave Mr. Spiro the Order of M award. He was chosen from 40 other lea to go to the National Jamboree at C rado Springs this year. Mr. Spiro is very active in his church as a Sun school teacher and new building fund c mittee chairman.

Little Things

LITTLE WORDS are the sweetest to hear; little charities fly farthest, and stay longest on the wing; little lakes are the stillest; little hearts are the fullest, and little farms are the best tilled. Little books are read the most and little songs the dearest loved. And when Nature would make anything especially rare and beautiful, she makes it little; little pearls, little diamonds, little dews. Agar's is a model prayer; but then it is a little one; and the burden of the petition is for but little. The Sermon on the Mount is little, but the last dedication discourse was an hour long. Life is made up of littles: death is what remains of them all. Day is made up of little beams, and night is glorious with little stars.

—Anonymous

Being A Christian On Tuesday

by RALPH R. HELLERICH

This topic deals with the need for the daily expression of a sense of Christian vocation—in areas such as family life, the world of business and work, recreation, and community activities.

The method of presentation is a brief dramatic sketch, relating the thoughts of Joe Allberg—Mr. Average—as he listens to a sermon being preached by his pastor. In the sermon Joe and the others in the congregation are urged to serve Christ every day of the week. Joe's thoughts wander as he rehearses what happened to him on the preceding Tuesday. His day was difficult, and filled with spiritual failures. He argues with the pastor—in his thoughts—saying that it is not easy to serve Christ in daily life.

The sermon proceeds to speak of our motivation for Christian service: our new relationship with God through Christ. The discussion period can be used to help Joe Allberg straighten out his difficult Tuesday.

Narrator: The date is the first Sunday er the Epiphany, 1961. Pastor John- has just mounted the pulpit of St. n's Lutheran Church, and has an- nced to the congregation that the t for the morning's sermon is found the Epistle for the Sunday.

Pastor Johnsen: We will pay particular ention to the first two verses of this well-known passage from Paul's epistle to the Romans. The preceding eleven chapters of the book have concerned themselves with expressions of God's love, particularly as that love is evidenced in Christ. Now Paul is ready to start off on another tack, and he says: "I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may

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The Rev. Ralph R. Hellerich is an Asso- e Secretary of the Luther League of erica. This is the Inter-Lutheran Topic January.

THE INTER-LUTHERAN TOPIC
FOR JANUARY

Suggestions for a Devotional Service

Hymn: "Where cross the crowded ways of life"
Psalm 33
Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-11
Hymn: "Teach me, my God and King"
Presentation of the Topic
Prayer, followed by the Lord's Prayer
Hymn: "O Master, let me walk with thee"

prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Narrator: Among those present to hear this reading of the text was Joe Allberg —with his wife Jane, and his daughter and son, Karen and Karl. Joe is a Mr. Average. He lives in a mortgage-covered house on Edgewood Road. He is middle-aged. He has risen slowly in the firm for which he has worked the past fifteen years. Only last year was he promoted to the position of assistant buyer. Joe was born a Lutheran, and can take church or leave it. He contributes faithfully to the financial needs of the congregation, and if you were to ask him, he would say that he contributes generously. He was nominated to serve on the Church Council last year, but was defeated at the congregational meeting. This pleased Joe fine; he had the distinction of being nominated, but didn't have to follow it up with any work. Joe insists that the kids go to Sunday school, and was faithful in providing transportation for Karen while she was receiving catechetical instruction. Joe himself does not attend church every Sunday. But is here today, and he now hears pastor continue with his sermon.

Pastor Johnsen: We will want to amine these two verses from seve different angles. First, we must go b and try to figure out Paul's explanat of man's motivation. Then we wo do well to see what is meant by be conformed to this world. Then we ready to study our need for being tra formed by the renewal of our min This is a tremendous area to cover only a few minutes. But it is also tremely important for our lives—b here and in eternity.

It is Paul's desire that the Christi in Rome, to whom he is writing, expr their Christian love and concern in ev relationship, and on every day of week. For Paul, the Christian way of was not limited to Sunday. For h every day of the week was sacred, ev day was an opportunity to serve G through his fellowman.

Narrator: Now let me warn yo don't be shocked. In just a minute w going to hear Joe talking back to pastor. Actually, of course, Joe is talking out loud. But these are thoughts that pass through his brain he listens to the pastor's words. T far Joe has pretty well kept his m on the business at hand. But he's g to jump his trolley in just a min Here's the pastor's next sentence . .

Pastor Johnsen: Paul would insist we be equally Christian on Tuesday we are on Sunday.

Joe Allberg: That does it! Tuesday deed! Pastor, you should have been me this past Tuesday. I'd just like to you or anybody—even Paul—act lik Christian on a day like the day I last Tuesday. Just let me tell you.

The day started normally enough; I d no warning. Jack Davis came on ne to pick me up for work. But then the way to work Jack got a flat tire. at blasted Jack! We've told him time d time again that those bald tires were ing to get him into trouble. But no, u can't tell Jack anything; he knows erything! I wouldn't ride with him if lidn't have to. But he's the only one o lives out my way, and if I took the r to work every day Jane would never able to get her errands done.

Well, there we were, sitting right in e middle of the expressway—with a flat e. Jack goes out and starts to fumble pund, and then announces that his are is flat too. So there we sit, fuming, til Jack walks to the nearest gas sta- n with the tire and gets it fixed. Boy, ty-five minutes late to work! Now, e boss won't chew me out about it; at I know. But I had a lot of work wanted to get done. That really got e started off on the wrong foot.

Then when I did arrive, I found out at Anne was late again. Anne's my cretary—and a real good one. But ne has a bad habit of coming in half hour late. Twice before I had to k to her about it. Quite frankly, I n't mind it, because Anne always kes up for it later in the day. But my ss complains that it's bad for office rale. So when Anne arrived I had to gin my working day by telling her . What could I do? I didn't want boss on my neck, so I had to let know she didn't dare do it again.

Well, I got down to work, and opened morning's mail, and started dictating ne letters to Anne. Just then the shop eman called in to tell me that one the shipments I had ordered hadn't n delivered on time. So I had to call the supplier long distance and give him h . . . — excuse me, pastor — stormy weather because the shipment hadn't arrived. I knew darn well we wouldn't be using it for two weeks yet, but I didn't dare tell the supplier that. That's one of the nice things about being an assistant purchasing agent—you learn to lie real well.

But I must admit that the rest of the morning was pretty average, although hectic. Then just before lunch the salesman from Amalgamated came in and invited me out for lunch. I didn't particularly want to go, but what could I do. So we went out to a fancy restaurant. So help me, that salesman must have been on a liquid diet. He only ate a sandwich, but kept pouring one drink after another down his throat. Now I don't mind a drink, and I really appreciate a cool beer on a hot day—but this guy was making a career out of it. Next thing you know he's telling dirty stories. O.K., so I laughed at the first few. But they kept getting lower and lower. Then the drinks make him morbid, and he starts telling me all about his family troubles. Seems as though his wife discovered that he was keeping a woman in another town. Now things

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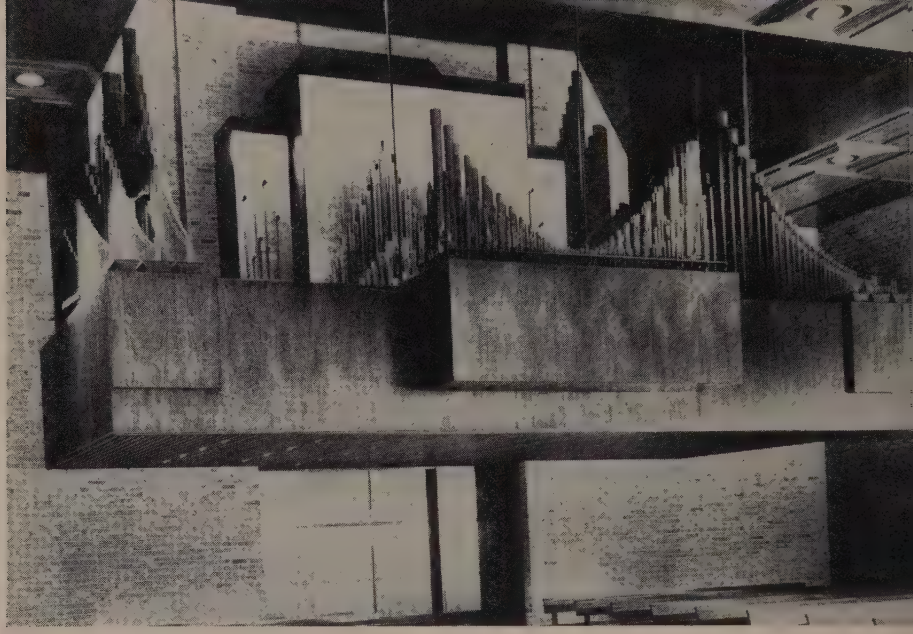

OF CLASSIC design dating back to German and French organs of Bach's day, t unusual instrument has been dedicated in the chapel of the Interchurch Center New York. Installed in the "Old Country" manner, the entire organ is suspended fr the rear wall and Positiv section hangs on the front gallery rail. Many of its 20 pipes, handsomely arranged in teakwood and goldleaf cases, are visible to worship in the 350-seat chapel. The 19-story center is headquarters for a number Protestant and Orthodox agencies including the National Council of Churches. UL Treasurer Edmund F. Wagner is its president.

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were tough at home, and he had no one to console him when he was out on the road. By the time we left and drove back to the plant—in his car—he was in real bad shape. Back in the office he told me that his boss had heard about his troubles too, and had threatened to fire him if he didn't straighten out. Then he asks me for an order. He buys my lunch, tells me all the intimate facts of his home life—and then asks me for an order. You know, I almost felt as though I needed a shower after he left.

Well, things went pretty well until four o'clock, and Anne and I got quite a bit of work done. That's one thing I must say for Anne—she doesn't go off during the day. Then, at four o'clo the boss comes in and says he wa to ask me a favor. Huh, how can get out of it? He tells me his son, w is in college—business administration needs some facts on certain products a term paper. He could get the inf mation himself, but that's a lot of wo And, says the boss, he knows I'd only too glad to help Junior. Sure, Jun will probably be my boss someday, what am I going to do? It turns that Junior needs the information t night. So I have to drop everything a get this baloney together for Juni

t takes me thirty minutes past quit-
time, loses me my ride in the car
, and gets me home an hour and
lf late.

astor, you can imagine how I felt
n I got home. I just wanted to eat
dinner quietly, watch my favorite
programs, and then go to bed. What
the use of trying to make anything
hat day—it was already shot. But
day wasn't over yet.

irst, my dinner wasn't ready when
t home. Seems the Cubs met at our
se that afternoon, and Mamma was
tired out. Too tired, in fact, to get
hing more than soup and sandwiches
ther for dinner. Here I work my
ers to the bone all day long and come
e to soup and sandwiches! Ugh!

ut listen, it's still not over. After
ner—or lunch—my dear wife tells
she promised to take the children to
movies. Fine, I say, be a good mother
take them to the movies. But, says
I said we'd *all* go to the movies;
know how Karl likes to have you
along. Well, I said no. And she said
And I said no, and wouldn't talk
ut it any more. So Mamma and the
go off to the movies—Karl crying
rously, and Mamma struggling to
back the tears.

o I take off my shoes and turn on
TV for my favorite program. When
sound finally comes on I receive the
vning blow. My favorite western has
taken off to make way for a panel
ussion on the latest international
s. If I hadn't known how much I
to pay for that TV set I think I
ld have smashed it then and there.
ow, tell me, pastor, what do you
with a day like that? I had enough
ble getting through the day, let alone
g to act like a Christian.

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Narrator: While it has taken us a long time to hear these thoughts that raced through Joe's head, it really didn't take long at all. In fact, Joe only missed a sentence or two of the pastor's sermon, and is now ready to hear some more.

Pastor Johnsen: Paul never suggested that it was going to be easy to live the Christian life.

Joe Allberg: Now there's the understatement of the year!

Pastor Johnsen: Sometimes the sins of other people seem to get in our way . . .

Joe Allberg: Now you're getting there, pastor. I've told that blasted Jack Davis time and time again about those bald tires of his. Always too cheap to get anything worth while. And that drunken drummer—no wonder his wife and his boss are fed up with him. He deserves all the trouble he's got, because he's made it all for himself. And that lazy, cheating son of my boss, expecting someone else to do his school work for him. I hope he flunks.

Pastor Johnsen: . . . and sometimes it seems as though we're caught in a vise of evil forces, so that we are unable to do what we really want . . .

Joe Allberg: Amen, pastor, amen! Can I help it if my work forces me to lie

every day? What am I supposed to do? Quit, after working my way up to assistant buyer? And what happens to Jane and the kids? Should they go without the things they deserve just because I don't want to do what my job requires?

And that business about Anne. If I had my way, I wouldn't have said a word to her. Those other secretaries get there on time, but then they spend half the day in the ladies room and the other half of the day visiting each other and gossiping. Anne doesn't waste her time, and gets more done—even when she comes in late—than the other girls do. If it weren't for those stupid rules, everything'd be all right.

Pastor Johnsen: . . . and sometimes we ourselves are at fault.

Joe Allberg: Now just a minute there, pastor. I had plenty of troubles on Tuesday, but I don't see how any of it is my fault.

Pastor Johnsen: Sometimes we get so wrapped up in ourselves that we completely fail to appreciate the other person's point of view. There are times when we are so completely wrapped up in self-pity that we rudely and viciously hurt other people.

Joe Allberg: Now don't push me, pastor. If you're referring to Tuesday evening, you're all wrong. After all, didn't I have a right to expect a decent meal when I got home? So, I did have a good lunch. What difference does that make? Did Jane know that? Sure, someone's got to take care of the Cubs and be den mother, and I don't mind if Jane wants to help out like that. But what about me? Who brings the money home for that house? Who puts the food on the table—when Jane bothers to make some? Who sees to it that the kids have nice clothes and plenty of toys? Who, I ask you, who?

Pastor Johnsen: I suppose we are tempted at times to put ourselves in center of the world, and expect people to revolve around us and *we* want.

Joe Allberg: Just you keep it up, tor, and I'll join some other chu Since when doesn't a man have a r to stay home at night and watch I wasn't asking to go out boozing! not interested in having some o woman! All I want is to come h and watch television. So Karl has learn he can't always have what mother promises. She had no right promise it in the first place. I had learn the hard way too. Gosh almig what in the world do you expect o man? I'm only human!

Pastor Johnsen: Paul suggests, thou that in spite of all the difficulties we expected to present our bodies as a ing sacrifice. That which must be sa ficed is our ego, our comfort, our c venience . . .

Joe Allberg: Aw, baloney. I don't you making any sacrifice. I supp you're perfect. I suppose you alw take your kids to the movies. I supp you never tell a lie. I suppose you n expect your wife to cook for you.

Pastor Johnsen: I would be the to recognize the difficulty of sacrifi self. While many people expect a pa to be a little sub-human—or su human—the truth of the matter is pastors are beset by the same difficu as other people. Without trying too h I can remember a number of occas this past week when I placed my at the center of my little world and pected other people to revolve aro me.

Joe Allberg: Boy, it's about time

nitted it. Who are you to tell us what do?

'astor Johnsen: But then I have not n called to set the perfect example my flock, for God knows that I am capable of that. I have been called preach the Good News of God's love all men, particularly as that love omes apparent to us in Christ. No is able to live a perfect life . . .

oe Allberg: Aha! Now it comes out. one can live a perfect life.

'astor Johnsen: But then our salvation es not depend on our good works. r salvation depends on our relation- p with God through Christ. But this tionship then changes our outlook life. We want to try to please God all that we think, do, and say. We nt to serve him — by serving our owmen. He is the ultimate source of ry good gift in my life.

oe Allberg: Well, there's something I 't argue with. God *has* been good to Even on Tuesday. I've got life, d health, and work. The bank is let- me live in the house while I pay it. Even though Jane has her Tues- s, on the whole our life together very wonderful. And how pleased we e when we knew that we were getting Karen and a Karl. And how thankful the kids were born whole and lthy, and that Mamma was all right. , God has given me many wonder- things.

astor Johnsen: Perhaps the most as- nding thing about all of this is that haven't deserved these things we e received from God.

oe Allberg: O.K., O.K., pastor, you . So I was a louse to Mamma and kids, and I should be more consider- toward other people. I guess I half

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knew it all along; that's why I kept fighting against it. I didn't want to admit that I was wrong.

Pastor Johnsen: But even in the face of our continued transgression against his will God has given us the supreme gift of forgiveness. He sent to us his Son, that through him we might have the guilt of our sins taken away, and that through him we might have righteousness in his sight.

This is precisely what Paul is saying. He says that we should be so motivated by God's goodness to us that we constantly, daily try to serve him. It is not easy. We do fail, time and time again. But this is our spiritual worship—not to conform to this world, but to be transformed by a renewal of our minds. And this spiritual worship should occur not only on Sundays, in church, but on every day—even Tuesdays.

Joe Allberg: Gee, maybe you're right. I have known this forgiveness that you talk about. I have felt it at the Lord's Supper, and occasionally in a sermon. I have felt it again today. I'm clean again. But now I know that God wants me to serve him. I'll have to try and

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remember that—this afternoon, and
morrow, and even next Tuesday.

Narrator: Well, let's leave Joe ri
here. The sermon isn't over yet,
Joe has already gotten a lot to th
about. I know he'll go on being
Allberg, Mr. Average. But he'll try
little harder. And he keeps coming b
for forgiveness and new strength. If o
he can persevere, and develop his r
tionship with God, then all the ot
things will be added on.

By the way, how is your relations
with God?

Suggestions for the Leader

The method of presentation is a dram
sketch, requiring three male voices—a n
rator, the pastor, and Joe Allberg. Rec
two other men to help you, and you are
business. Be sure to supply the other t
men with their scripts sufficiently far
advance of your meeting that they n
familiarize themselves with the words.
would be extremely helpful if you wo
be able to have at least one rehearsal
fore the presentation is to take place.

The dramatic sketch is designed to
read. It would be a complete waste of t
for the men to try to memorize any p
of the script. Merely have the three n
seated in front of your group, and h
them read from the scripts which they
hold in their hands. Urge the participa
however, to read with intelligence
feeling.

No questions for discussion have b
appended to this topic. Here are some s
gestions for discussion. Rehearse the ev
which occurred during Joe's Tuesday. W
did he do that was wrong? What should
have done? Did any of your group e
have such a day? Perhaps some of the n
would be willing to share some of t
experiences with the others. To what
tent are we motivated by the Law? To w
extent do we respond to the Gospel? W
hinders us from doing the will of God?

In a sense, this first topic sets the t
and theme for all the other topics
follow in this series. It is important, t
that this topic leave a good impression
your group!